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1. WE READ LAST PARA USUN'S 4021 TO MEAN MEETING BETWEEN SECRETARY AND BOUTEFLLIKA MAY BE IN THE WORKS. FOLLOWING ARE SOME POINTS FOR POSSIBLE INCLUSION IN TALKING PAPER FOR THAT MEETING.

2. SECRETARY MIGHT:

A. PROVIDE WRAP-UP ON MIDDLE EAST SITUATION ASKING THAT IT BE CONVEYED TO BOUMEDIENE, ALONG WITH EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION FOR BOUMEIDENE'S UNDERSTANDING AND OUR HOPE, EXPRESSED IN SECRETARY'S SEPTEMBER 1 LETTER, THAT HE WILL HAVE CHANCE MEET WITH BOUMEDIENE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON MIDDLE EAST AND PRODUCER/CONSUMER RELATIONS.

B. NOTE BOUTEFLLIKA'S EMPHASIS ON COMMON DESTINY OF DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED WORLD AND ON LINKAGE BETWEEN THEIR INTERESTS IN HIS 29 AUGUST NONALIGNED CONFERENCE SPEECH AND ON NEED TO AVOID CONFRONTATION IN HIS OPENING 7TH SPECIAL SESSION ADDRESS, AND REAFFIRM US DESIRE TO ENGAGE IN GENUINE DIALOGUE TO RESOLVE COMMON PROBLEMS.

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C. REMIND BOUTEFLLIKA OF US OPPOSITION TO IDEA OF

ISRAELI SUSPENSION/EXPULSION (THOUGH ALGERIA APPARENTLY HAS NOT BEEN IN FOREFRONT OF THOSE PUSHING IT);

D. EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE'S AND MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND ENERGY ABDESSELAM'S HAVING TWICE RECEIVED UNDERSECRETARY ROBINSON AT SECRETARY'S REQUEST TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC QUESTIONS.

E. NOTE THAT DESPITE RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS LAST NOVEMBER AND PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS BY US AMBASSADOR IN JANUARY ALGERIA HAS NOT YET NAMED AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON AND ASK WHEN THEY PLAN TO DO SO.

3. BOUTEFLIKA'S OPENING 7TH SPECIAL SESSION ADDRESS (USUN 3945) AND RAHAL CONVERSATION (USUN 4021) PROVIDE PROBABLE ALGERIAN POINTS. RAHAL'S STRESS ON NEED TO "STABILIZE PURCHASING POWER" IS THEME BOUMEDIENE HAS SOUNDED BOTH WITH ME AND WITH ROBINSON, AND ONE LIKELY TO SURFACE AGAIN. IN ANY MIDDLE EAST DISCUSSION, BOUTEFLIKA ALSO LIKELY TO STRESS NEED TO SATISFY PALESTINIAN ASPIRATIONS AND TO HAVE MOVEMENT SOON ON GOLAN HEIGHTS ISSUE. PARKER

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